STATE OF ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE SECURITIES DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF: FLATLANDER INDUSTRIES, INC.,

D/B/A BUSINESS BUILDERS, 3R PRODUCTS, INC., RICHARD L.

EIKENBERG AND TRENT M. ROUSEY

FILE NO: 0500573

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO THE RESPONDENTS: Flatlander Industries

3R Products, Inc. Richard L. Eikenberg

Trent M. Rousey

C/o Darrell L. Harweg

Attorney at Law

Hartweg, Turner, Wood & Simkins, PC

207 W. Jefferson St, Suite 400 Bloomington, Illinois 61702

You are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 11.F of the Illinois Securities Law of 1953, [815 ILCS 5/1 et seq.] (the "Act") and 14 Ill. Adm. Code 130, Subpart K, a public hearing will be held at 300 W. Jefferson St. Suite 300A, Springfield, Illinois 62702, on the 17th day of January, 2007 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before Jon Ellis, or such other duly designated Hearing Officer of the Secretary of State. A copy of the Rules under the Act pertaining to contested cases is attached to this Notice.

Said hearing will be held to determine whether an Order should be entered against the Respondents in the State of Illinois and granting such other relief as may be authorized under the Act including but not limited to imposition of a monetary fine in the maximum amount pursuant to Section 11 of the Act, payable within ten (10) days of the entry of the Order.

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The grounds for such proposed action are as follows:

(Violations of Section 12.A, C and D)

- Flatlander Industries, Inc. is an Illinois Corporation doing business as Business Builders with a last known address of 115 E. Monroe St. Bloomington, Illinois;
- 2. Richard L. Eikenberg is the President of Flatlanders Industries, Inc;
- 3. 3R Products, Inc. is an Illinois Corporation with a last known business address of 206 W. Miller St. Bloomington, Illinois;
- 4. Trent M. Rousey is the President of 3R Products, Inc;
- 5. Sometime between August and September 2005, Flatlander Industries, Inc. and 3R Products, Inc. sent or caused to be sent through the mail a letter offering an investment in 3R Products, Inc. to approximately 325 individuals with residences in Illinois;
- 6. On or about 9 October 2005, through a newspaper advertisement in the Bloomington Pantagraph Flatlander Industries, Inc. and 3R Products, Inc. offered for sale an investment in 3R Products, Inc. with a purported 17-18% return on investment;
- 7. Richard L. Eikenberg from the time period of September through October 2005 met with at least 6 Illinois resident individuals to offer and solicit an investment from these individuals in securities issued or issuable by 3R Products, Inc;
- 8. As a result of the above-referenced activities, 2 Illinois individuals entered into two promissory notes issued by 3R Products, Inc. The first note was for \$10,000 with a one-year term and a 15% annual percent rate. The second was for \$30,000 with a three-year term and an 18% interest rate.

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Both notes were signed by Trent M. Rousey as President of 3R Products, Inc;

- 9. Flatlander Industries, Inc. billed 3R Products, Inc. received \$6,635 for its services in raising capital for 3R Products, Inc. and on account of the sales of securities cited in paragraph 8;
- 10. The above-referenced Promissory Notes are securities as that term is defined pursuant to Section 2.1. of the Act;
- 11. Section 5 of the Act provides: All securities except those set forth under Section 2a of the Act, or those exempt under Section 3 of the Act, or those offered or sold in transactions exempt under Section 4 of the Act, or face amount certificate contracts required to be registered under Section 6 of the Act, or investment fund shares required to be registered under Section 7 of the Act, shall be registered either by coordination or by qualification, as provided in the Act, prior to their offer or sale in this State;
- 12. That Section 8 of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>:
 Except as otherwise provided in subsection A, every dealer and salesperson shall be registered as such with the Secretary of State;
- 13. The above referenced securities were not registered with the Secretary of State prior to their offer and sale in the State of Illinois;
- 14. During the relevant time period, Flatlander Industries, Inc. and Richard L. Eikenberg were not registered as either a dealer or salesperson in the State of Illinois;
- 15. Section 12.A of the Act provides, <u>inter</u> <u>alia</u>, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to offer or sell securities except in accordance with the provisions of the Act;

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- 16. Section 12.C of the Act provides, <u>inter alia</u>, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to Act as a dealer or salesperson unless registered as such, where such registration is required, under the provisions of the Act;
- 17. Section 12.D of the Act provided, inter alia, that it shall be a violation of the Act for any person to fail to file with the Secretary of State any application, report or document required to be filed under the provisions of the Act or any rule or regulation made by the Secretary of State pursuant to the Act;
- 18. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents have violated Sections 12.A, C and D of the Act;
- 19. Section 11.E(2) of the Act provides, inter alia, that if the Secretary of State finds that any person has violated Sections C or D of Section 12 of the Act, the Secretary of State may by written order temporarily or permanently prohibit or suspend the person from offering or selling any securities;
- 20. That Section 11.E(4) of the Act provides, interalia, that if the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of the Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000.00 for each violation of the Act; and
- 21. That by virtue of the foregoing, the Respondents are subject to a fine of up to \$10,000.00 per violation and an Order of Prohibition.

You are further notified that you are required pursuant to Section 130.1104 of the Rules and Regulations (14 Ill. Adm. Code 130) (the "Rules"), to file an answer to the allegations outlined above or a Special Appearance pursuant to Section 130.1107 of the Rules, or other responsive pleading within thirty days of the receipt of this notice. Your failure to do so within the prescribed time shall be deemed an admission of the allegations contained in the Notice of Hearing and waives your right to a hearing.

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Furthermore, you may be represented by legal counsel; may present evidence; may cross-examine witnesses and otherwise participate. A failure to so appear shall constitute default.

A copy of the Rules, promulgated under the Act and pertaining to Hearings held by the Office of the Secretary of State, Illinois Securities Department, is included with this Notice.

Delivery of notice to the designated representative of any Respondent constitutes service upon such Respondents.

NTERED: This 26th day of

Jesse White

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State of Illinois

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